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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 18 September 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Tajikistan (S/1996/754)

Briefings by the Secretariat:

Liberia

Georgia

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 4

Organization of the work of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/51/1).

Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at 3 p.m. *today*, 18 September 1996, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE
MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990s

WORKING GROUP I

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

WORKING GROUP II

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH)
2. United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (UNSMIH)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME
AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS
(CCPOQ)

Ninth session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE WHOLE
OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON
ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS (CCAQ)

Ninth session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Third regular session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	29th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	30th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. International Child Development Centre [5] (E/ICEF/P/L.20)
2. Outline of the report on the implementation of the health strategy for UNICEF [6] (E/ICEF/1996/P/L.19)
3. Discussion on allocation of general resources [11] (continued) (E/ICEF/1996/CRP.30)

Informal consultation

An informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the Bureau of the Commission today, 18 September 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The consultation will begin consideration of the plans for the forty-first session, in accordance with the Commission's agreed conclusions 1996/1. A background paper on this issue has been prepared by the Secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and this paper is available at the offices of the Division, DC2-1250.

**MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS
OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES**

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Wednesday, 18 September 1996

**GENERAL BRIEFING FOR NEW DELEGATES ON
THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-FIRST SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on the draft ministerial declaration)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
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**NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:
OPEN-ENDED CONSULTATIONS ON THE
DRAFT MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE**

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
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GROUP OF 77
*(on Third Committee matters:
draft ministerial declaration)*

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
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GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee matters)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
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**NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:
DRAFTING GROUP**

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1996

The following documents are available for delegations to retrieve outside room S-2994 (one copy per delegation): E/1996/CRP.3/Rev.1 (Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields: provisions related to the Economic and Social Council); and E/1996/CRP.5 (Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: analysis of the agenda items of the Economic and Social Council and comparison with items considered by the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly).

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COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY

Today, 18 September 1996, at 10 a.m., there will be a wreath-laying ceremony commemorating the thirty-fifth anniversary of the death of Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary General of the United Nations from 1953 to 1961, and of those who accompanied him on his last mission of peace.

The wreath will be laid by the Secretary-General, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, in the public lobby outside the Meditation Room, at 10 a.m., in the presence of delegations and members of the staff who wish to attend.

Subsequently, the Secretary-General will go at 10.15 a.m. to the Northeast Corner of the public lobby, where he will open the exhibit "Dag Hammarskjöld: Markings and Milestones", and will make a short statement. H.E. Mr. Peter Osvald, Permanent Representative of Sweden, will also speak on this occasion.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS*Thursday, 19 September 1996***GENERAL ASSEMBLY****ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS**

10 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10
3 p.m. closed meeting

The 396th meeting of the Committee on Conferences will be held on Thursday, 19 September 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

Adoption of the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1997 [2 (a)]

The meeting of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations, which was scheduled for Thursday, 19 September 1996, has been postponed until Tuesday, 24 September, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. [This meeting of a subsidiary body is subject to the approval by the General Assembly at its fifty-first session.]

The Extended Bureau of the Committee on Information will hold consultations with the Department of Public Information on Thursday, 19 September 1996, at 12 noon in room S-1027.

The 223rd meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Friday, 20 September 1996, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Open-ended consultations on the outstanding issues before the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council as well as the Second and Third Committees will take place from 7 to 9 October 1996. The Conference Room will be announced.

The resumed substantive session of 1996 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened on 10 October, and from 13 to 14 November 1996. The provisional agenda for the resumed session is contained in document E/1996/93. The following items will be taken up as follows:

10 October 1996

1. Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: Human rights questions [5(d)]

13-14 November 1996

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

Selection of themes for the High-level and Coordination segments for the 1997 substantive session of the Council

2. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/106: business and development [6(i)]
3. Non-governmental organizations [10]
4. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields [11]
5. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: "Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" [13]
6. Elections [14]

Informal meeting

The Chairman of the Commission for Social Development will conduct an open-ended informal briefing for Member States on the work of the Commission on Wednesday, 25 September 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly

The general briefing on the work of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, organized jointly by the Office of Human Resources Management and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, will be held on Thursday, 19 September 1996, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee will be held on Friday, 20 September, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The special briefing on peace-keeping issues will be held on Friday, 20 September, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 16 September 1996

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Third regular session

26th and 27th meetings

Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director [1]

The session was opened by the President of the Executive Board (Romania), who made a statement.

The Executive Director made a statement.

Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work [2]

The Assistant Secretary of the Executive Board introduced the item.

The provisional agenda, timetable and organization of work (document E/ICE/1996/P/L.18) were adopted, as amended.

Proposals for UNICEF cooperation and programme reviews: final country programme recommendations for implementation in 1997 [3]

The country programme recommendations for Argentina, Belize, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama and Uruguay (documents E/ICE/1996/P/L.16/Add.1 to P/L.27/Add.1) were approved.

The Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean introduced a new country programme recommendation for the region (document E/ICE/1996/P/L.70).

Statements were made by the representatives of France and Sweden, to which the Regional Director and the Executive Director responded.

The Board approved the recommendation.

The Executive Board approved the country programme recommendations for the Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo (documents E/ICE/1996/P/L.9/Add.1 to P/L.15/Add.1).

The Regional Director for West and Central Africa introduced the new country programme recommendations for the region (documents E/ICE/P/L.67 to P/L.69).

Statements were made by representatives of Nigeria, Liberia, France and Switzerland, to which the Regional Director and the Deputy Executive Director responded.

The Executive Board adopted the recommendations.

The Executive Board approved country programme recommendations for the Comoros, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia (documents E/ICE/1996/P/L.1/Add.1 to P/L.8/Add.1).

The Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa introduced new country programme recommendations for the region (documents E/ICE/1996/P/L.65 and P/L.66).

Statements were made by the representatives of Angola, France, Burundi, Canada and Sweden, to which the Executive Director, the Regional Director and the Deputy Executive Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations.

The Executive Board approved the country programme recommendations for Malaysia, Mongolia and the Pacific Island countries (documents E/ICE/1996/P/L.28/Add.1 to P/L.30/Add.1).

The representative of Turkey commented on the country programme recommendation for Mongolia.

The Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific introduced a new country programme recommendation for the region (document E/ICE/1996/P/L.71).

A statement was made by the representative of Sweden, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendation.

The Executive Board approved the country programme recommendations for Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka (documents E/ICE/1996/P/L.31/Add.1 to P/L.33/Add.1).

Statements were made by representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, South Africa, Nicaragua and Mongolia on their respective country programme recommendations.

The Executive Board approved the country programme recommendations for Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, the Sudan and Tunisia (documents E/ICE/1996/P/L.36/Add.1 to P/L.40/Add.1).

The Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa region introduced a new country programme recommendation for the region (document E/ICE/1996/P/L.72).

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, Morocco and France, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendation.

The representatives of Switzerland and Norway made general comments.

Allocation of general resources [4]

The Director of the Programme Division introduced the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden, France, Denmark, China, the Netherlands, Venezuela, Brazil, Ghana, India, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Burundi, Romania (for the Republic of Moldova), the Russian Federation, the United States, Cuba, the United Kingdom, Jamaica, Norway, Burkina Faso, Canada, Ukraine, Mexico, Argentina, Algeria, Nigeria, Panama, Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

Tuesday, 17 September 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

128th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/50/888/Add.12) [120]

The General Assembly took note that Mali had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Introduction of the reports of the Fifth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Fifth Committee on agenda items 113 and 138 (a), 114, 120, 121, 125, 126, 128, 134 and 116.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations: financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (Part VI) (A/50/850/Add.5) [113 and 138 (a)]

The Assembly adopted draft decisions I, II and III recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of Part VI of its report (A/50/850/Add.5).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda items 113 and 138 (a) and of agenda item 138 as a whole.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (Part III) (A/50/840/Add.2) [114]

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of Part III of its report (A/50/840/Add.2).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 114.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (Part III) (A/50/843/Add.2) [120]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of Part III of its report (A/50/843/Add.2).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 120.

United Nations common system: report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/844/Add.1) [121]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/50/844/Add.1).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 121.

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara: report of the Fifth Committee (Part III) (A/50/819/Add.2) [125]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of Part III of its report (A/50/819/Add.2).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 125.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador: report of the Fifth Committee (Part II) (A/50/818/Add.1) [126]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of Part II of its report (A/50/818/Add.1) (resolution 50/246).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 126.

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters: report of the Fifth Committee (Part V) (A/50/796/Add.4) [128]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of Part V of its report (A/50/796/Add.4).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 128.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia: report of the Fifth Committee (Part III) (A/50/846/Add.2) [134]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of Part III of its report (A/50/846/Add.2).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 134.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997: report of the Fifth Committee (Part V) (A/50/842/Add.4) [116]

The General Assembly adopted draft decisions I and II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 10 of Part V of its report (A/50/842/Add.4).

The General Assembly then proceeded to the consideration of draft decision III recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 10 of Part V of its report (A/50/842/Add.4).

The representative of the Secretary-General made a statement.

The representative of Nicaragua made a statement in the course of which he introduced an oral amendment to draft decision III.

The General Assembly adopted the oral amendment proposed by Nicaragua.

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision III as orally amended.

The representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 116.

Agenda items remaining for consideration during the fiftieth session of the General Assembly

The President recalled that the following agenda items, on which action had been taken by the General Assembly at previous plenary meetings, still remained for consideration during the fiftieth session of the Assembly:

- Item 20 Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance
- Item 24 Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990's
- Item 42 Question of Palestine
- Item 44 The situation in the Middle East
- Item 45 The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development
- Item 95 Sustainable development and international economic cooperation
- Item 112 Human Rights questions

- Item 115 Programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995
- Item 122 Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East
- Item 123 Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission
- Item 124 Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)
- Item 131 Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping force in Cyprus
- Item 132 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia
- Item 133 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti
- Item 135 Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda
- Item 136 Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991
- Item 137 Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan
- Item 140 United Nations Decade of International Law
- Item 159 Human resources management
- Item 160 Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994
- Item 167 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Item 168 Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium
- Item 169 Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

The President recalled that these items had been included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-first session of the Assembly.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of the aforementioned items.

Closure of the fiftieth session

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly observed a minute of silent prayer or meditation.

The President then declared closed the fiftieth session of the General Assembly.

Fifty-first session

1st plenary meeting

Opening of the fifty-first session

The temporary President, His Excellency Mr. Diogo Freitas do Amaral, Chairman of the delegation of Portugal, declared the fifty-first session opened.

The temporary President made a statement in the course of which he invited the General Assembly to observe the International Day of Peace as proclaimed by the Assembly in its resolution 36/67 of 30 November 1981.

The temporary President then invited the Assembly to observe a minute of silent prayer or meditation.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/51/366) [120]

The General Assembly took note of a letter by the Secretary-General (A/51/366) concerning 9 Member States which were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3]

On the proposal of the temporary President, the General Assembly appointed nine members of the Credentials Committee: China, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Netherlands, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, United States.

Election of the President of the General Assembly [4]

The General Assembly proceeded to the election of the President. His Excellency Mr. Razali Ismail (Malaysia) was elected President of the fifty-first session of the Assembly by acclamation.

The President made a statement.

Election of the officers of the Main Committees [5]

The Main Committees of the General Assembly held consecutive meetings for the purpose of electing their chairmen.

FIRST COMMITTEE

The representative of Mongolia made a statement.

His Excellency Mr. Alyaksandr Sychou (Belarus) was elected Chairman of the First Committee.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE

The representative of Kenya made a statement.

His Excellency Mr. Alounkeo Kittikhoun (Lao People's Democratic Republic) was elected Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE

The representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia made a statement.

Mr. Arjan Hamburger (Netherlands) was elected Chairman of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The representative of Bhutan made a statement.

Mrs. Patricia Espinosa (Mexico) was elected Chairman of the Third Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

The representative of Nicaragua made a statement.

Mr. Ngoni Francis Sengwe (Zimbabwe) was elected Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

The representative of Denmark made a statement.

His Excellency Mr. Ramon Escovar-Salom (Venezuela) was elected Chairman of the Sixth Committee.

2nd plenary meeting

The President announced the names of the representatives who had been elected Chairmen of the Main Committees and congratulated them.

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138, elected by acclamation the following 21 Member States as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: Andorra, Angola, Bahamas, Burundi, China, Cyprus, France, Ghana, Honduras, Latvia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Niger, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sudan, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/50/337) [8]

The General Assembly adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences contained in a letter from the Chairman of the Committee (A/50/337) to authorize the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to meet

until 19 September 1996, and also to authorize the Committee on Conferences, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations to meet beginning on 19 September 1996.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE
MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA
IN THE 1990s**

3rd meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Conduct of the mid-term review [5]

The Committee of the Whole continued and concluded its general discussion of agenda item 5.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Nigeria, India, Malta, Madagascar, the Niger, Guyana, the Russian Federation, Canada, Japan, Algeria, the United States, Ghana, Jamaica, Mali, Ethiopia, Brazil, the Gambia and Malaysia.

The representative of the United Nations Children's Fund made a statement.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Third regular session

28th meeting

Note: The summary of the 28th meeting of the Executive Board will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/182).

**MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS OF
HUMAN RIGHTS TREATY BODIES**
Fifteenth meeting
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 1996

1st meeting

Opening of the meeting [1]

The Meeting of Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies was opened by Mr. José Ayala-Lasso, High Commissioner for Human Rights, who acted as temporary Chairman.

Election of the officers of the meeting [2]

Mrs. Ivanka Corti (Chairperson, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women) was elected as Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Meeting.

Adoption of the agenda [3]

The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document HRI/MC/1996/1.

Organizational and other matters [4]

The Chairpersons began the consideration of the item.

Review of recent developments relating to the work of the treaty bodies [5]

The Chairpersons began the consideration of the item.

2nd meeting

Improving the operation of the human rights treaty bodies [6]

The Chairpersons began the discussion of item 6.

TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 1996

3rd and 4th meetings

Improving the operation of the human rights treaty bodies [6]

The Chairpersons continued its consideration of item 6 and discussed the issues of documentation, Secretariat support to the work of the Committees, of the promotion of the international human rights instruments, of reporting and of external relations of treaty bodies.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL
ON FORESTS**
Third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 1996

2nd meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

Election of officers

The Panel elected, by acclamation, Mr. M.F. Ahmed (India), as a Vice-Chairman of the Panel, to replace Mr. N.R. Krishnan (India).

International organizations and multilateral institutions and instruments, including appropriate legal mechanisms [6]

The Panel began consideration of agenda item 6 and began discussion of programme element V.1.

The Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests introduced document E/CN.17/IPF/1996/23.

The representative of Switzerland reported on the work of the Independent Group of Experts, established under the Swiss-Peruvian Initiative on Forests.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Philippines, Brazil, the United States, Colombia, Japan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Switzerland, Canada, India, Mexico, Malaysia and Gabon, as well as by the observers for Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Cameroon, Indonesia, Norway, South Africa and Denmark.

Statements were also made by the observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Greenpeace International, National Wildlife Federation, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, Category II), Survival International and United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development made a statement.

3rd meeting

International organizations and multilateral institutions and instruments, including appropriate legal mechanisms [6]

The Panel continued its consideration of item 6 and began discussion of programme element V.2.

The Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests introduced documents E/CN.17/IPF/1996/24 and E/CN.17/IPF/1996/CRP.3.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, the United States, Brazil, Poland, Canada, Colombia, France, Zimbabwe, the Philippines, Uganda, Switzerland, India, Italy, Peru and Malaysia, as well as by the observers for Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Norway and New Zealand.

Statements were also made by the observers of the following non-governmental organizations: the International Chamber of Commerce and the World Wide Fund for Nature International (non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, Category I), the National Wildlife Federation (a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, Category II), also on behalf of the Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth-US as well as the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association (Roster).

Organization of work

The Co-Chairman made a statement.

The representative for the United States made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994, concluded at Geneva on 26 January 1994

Signature: India (17 September 1996)

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, opened for signature at Paris on 13 January 1993

Ratification: Cameroon (16 September 1996)*

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly on 10 September 1996

It will be recalled that, by resolution A/RES/50/245 of 10 September 1996, the General Assembly adopted the above Treaty at its fiftieth session.

The Treaty will be opened for signature on 24 September 1996. The signature ceremony will commence at 9.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and continue until 1 p.m. It will resume at 3 p.m. at the same venue. Delegations intending to sign the Treaty should contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs (room S-3200, telefax: 963-3693, phone: 963-5467). The Treaty Section will establish a list with specific time slots for prospective signatories.

If representatives other than Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers of Foreign Affairs intend to sign the Treaty, it is advised that appropriate full powers be submitted in time, preferably in advance of the ceremony, to the Treaty Section.

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Workshop

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library, Department of Public Information, will conduct a workshop on enhancing document research skills *today*, 18 September 1996, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Library (room L-270) for delegates and staff of Permanent Missions to the United Nations. Pre-registration is required.

The purpose of the workshop is to develop skills in retrieving information and documentation generated by the principal organs of the United Nations and to prepare participants for the effective use of various information resources and technologies available in the Library.

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